

**CHAPTER NO. 292**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 584**

**By Representatives Bittle, Ridgeway, McDaniel, Head, Kent, Odom, Todd, Pinion, Hargrove, Kisber, Garrett, Stulce, Curtiss, Buttry, Armstrong, Tidwell, Phelan, McAfee, Ford, Walker, Maddox, McDonald, Patton, Whitson, Godsey, David Davis, Fraley, Scroggs, Sargent, Mumpower, Gunnels, Dunn, Goins, Westmoreland, Fitzhugh, Bone, Hagood, Pleasant**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1524**

**By Senators Ramsey, Atchley, Burchett, Clabough, Haynes, Herron, Williams, McNally, Person**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of a sportsman new specialty earmarked license plate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Sportsman;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the State of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in §55-4-203, shall be issued a sportsman new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by §55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate image, design or logo that promotes and indicates support for the protection, propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife in Tennessee, including the importance of protecting and preserving for future generations the heritage of hunting and fishing in this State. Such plates shall be designed in consultation with the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the Board of Directors of the Sportsmen's Wildlife Foundation.

(c) The funds produced from the sale of such sportsman new specialty earmarked license plates shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of §55-4-215 to the Sportsmen's Wildlife Foundation. Such funds shall be used exclusively to establish and administer programs to ensure the protection, propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife in Tennessee in order to assure the preservation of the heritage of hunting and fishing in this State for future generations.

(d) If the new specialty earmarked plate authorized by this act fails to meet the minimum issuance requirements of §55-4-201(b)(3)(B) within one (1) year of the effective date of this act, such plate shall not be issued and the commissioner shall notify the Tennessee Code Commission that sections of Tennessee Code Annotated relative to the issuance of such plate and the

allocation of revenues produced from the sale of such plate are, on the basis of such inactivity, to be deemed obsolete and invalid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 17, 1999**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR